

PROBATE COURT OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO
JAMES A. SHRIVER, JUDGE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF :
 : Case No. _____
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_____ :

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NATURAL PARENT
(Legal Custody)

I, _____, am appearing in Court for the purpose of executing a consent to the adoption of my child. I further acknowledge that I am appearing voluntarily, without the undue influence of any person. I have a copy of this document in my possession, and have read and reviewed it prior to this hearing with my attorney.

1. The consent for adoption of an infant born to me on _____, is done by me with the assistance of _____, the arranging attorney who I understand represents the adopting parents and _____ attorney who I understand represents me in this consent hearing.

2. I understand that the names of the proposed adoption parents are _____ and _____ who have the following relationship to me: _____
_____.

I understand that my child is in the legal custody of the proposed adopting parents and they obtained legal custody of my child on _____ 20____ in the _____ Court, _____ County, _____. I understand that this custody order is not permanent and that I retain residual parental rights that will be extinguished if my child is adopted.

3. I understand that pursuant to Section 3107.06, unless my consent is not required under Section 3107.07 that the adoption of my child cannot take place unless I give my written consent. I further understand that my consent must be freely and voluntarily given and free of fraud, duress, undue influence, overreaching or mistake.

4. I understand that a petition for adoption has been filed on behalf of the proposed adoptive parents and, if I consent to the adoption, will be scheduled for a final hearing. After that hearing date, if the Court grants an Order of Adoption, I cannot withdraw my consent to adoption. Should I request the withdrawal of my consent before the Adoption Order is granted this Probate Court would conduct a hearing to determine the best interests of the child. I understand that this Court could find that allowing me to withdraw my consent and regain parental rights to my child is not in the child's best interests. Therefore, I understand that I am giving up significant rights and control concerning my child today.

5. I understand that subject to the disposition of an appeal, upon the expiration of six months after a Final Order of Adoption is issued, the decree cannot be questioned by any person, in any manner, or upon any ground, including fraud, misrepresentation, failure to give required notice, or lack of jurisdiction of the parties or subject matter.

6. I understand that the Final Order of Adoption is subject to appeal by me to the Court of Appeals for this County. However, I am giving up the right to receive notice of any hearing, or of the issuance of the Final Order of Adoption, and therefore may not know specifically when my rights of appeal may expire. I understand that the normal right of appeal will expire 30 days from the granting of the Final Order of Adoption. If I wish to contest this adoption in any manner, I understand that I should immediately contact the Court and/or legal counsel.

7. I understand that the effect of the Final Order of Adoption is to relieve me, as the parent of the child to be adopted, of all parental rights and responsibilities and to terminate all legal relationships between me and my child and between the child and the child's other relatives; so that the adopted child thereafter is as a stranger to me and other relatives for all purposes. The prospective adoptive parents will be established as the legal parents of this child, having the full and complete rights to determine the values and upbringing of the child, including but not limited to, the choice of religious training, education, discipline and companionship. I further understand that in giving my consent to the adoption, I cannot rely upon any promises or representations that I will be permitted contact with my child or receive information about my child in the future.

8. My date of birth is _____, and my residence is _____.

9. I am not receiving any financial gain or benefit in exchange for the adoption of this infant. No money or other inducement has been offered to me or anyone on my behalf.

I hereby acknowledge that the foregoing document has been fully explained to me by my attorney and the Court and that I understand my rights under the law of Ohio as set forth herein and that I am signing this document in open Court, voluntarily, of my own free will and without the undue influence of any person.

I execute this document this _____ day of _____, 20____ .

_____ personally appeared and acknowledged the signing of this document to be his/her voluntary act and deed, having been duly cautioned and sworn.

Probate Judge